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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to beginning examination, kindly amended the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Just after the title at the top of the page, please insert the following:

This application is the National Stage of International Application PCT/FI99/01083 filed December 28, 1999 which designated the U.S. and that International Application was filed in English.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of controlling selection of a gateway support node to be used in a telecommunications system which comprises at least one support node serving a subscriber of the telecommunications system, a first and a second gateway support node, wherein the method comprises the steps of: